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IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF RECORD OF MISSOULA COUNTY,
STATE OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA, Plaintiff, -vs- MICHAEL DALE BAKER, Defendant.	Dept. Cause No. AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE
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STATE OF MONTANA)
 : ss
County of Missoula)

Matt Jennings, County Attorney, Missoula County, Montana, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I have read the law enforcement reports regarding the investigation of MICHAEL DALE BAKER for allegedly committing the offense of:

COUNT I: SPEEDING ON NON-INTERSTATE - EXCEEDING DAY LIMIT OF 70MPH, a misdemeanor, in violation of § 61-8-303(1)(b)[1], MCA.

I believe that the facts as set forth in the law enforcement reports, if true, constitute sufficient probable cause to justify the filing of the charges. Those facts are as follows:

On May 14, 2024, Missoula County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Baker was on shift as a Deputy Sheriff. Deputy Baker was going to assist Sheriff's Detectives with serving search warrants on a residence. He was traveling south in the lefthand lane of HWY 93

South. When he approached the intersection of HWY 93 and Rowan another driver, Gaylord Angst, attempted to turn left in front of him and the vehicles collided. The Angst died from his injuries and Deputy Baker was injured. Montana Highway Patrol was called to investigate. Trooper Winchell learned that Mr. Angst was not supposed to be driving due to his age and physical and mental capabilities. Mr. Angst had turned in front of Deputy Baker when it was not clear to do so. Deputy Baker had the right of way on a through highway. Trooper Winchell also established that Deputy Baker was traveling at 84 MPH in the left hand passing lane immediately before the accident. Deputy Baker attempted to brake, but could not avoid the collision due to Angst's position on the highway. The speed limit in this area is 70 MPH and Deputy Baker did not have his overhead emergency lights activated.

DATED this 30th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Matt Jennings
Matt Jennings
County Attorney

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the State of Montana, County of Missoula.

Electronically Signed By:
Hon. Judge Alex Beal
Thu, May 01 2025 11:32:52 AM